

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COVERDELL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session in the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting two withdrawals and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 10, 1996, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2137. An act to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to require the release of relevant information to protect the public from sexually violent offenders.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of the reading clerks, announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276d, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Delegation of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. DREIER of California, Mr. UPTON of Michigan, Mr. GIBBONS of Florida, Mr. DE LA GARZA of Texas, Mr. OBERSTAR of Minnesota, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. DANNER of Missouri, Mr. UNDERWOOD of Guam, and Mr. FRAZER of the Virgin Islands.

The message also announced that the House having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 956) to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment

of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1296) to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. RICHARDSON, and Mr. VENTO as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendments to the bill (S. 1260) to reform and consolidate the public and assisted housing programs of the United States, and to redirect primary responsibility for these programs for the Federal Government to States and localities, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. LEACH, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. VENTO, and Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3286. An act to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3286. An act to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2568. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five proposed rescissions of budget authority; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2569. A communication from the Director of Office Relations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN2900-AH83); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2570. A communication from the Director of Office Relations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN2900-AH05); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2571. A communication from the Director of Office Relations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule

(RIN2900-AG65); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2572. A communication from the Director of Office Relations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN2900-AH87); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2573. A communication from the Director of Office Relations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN2900-AH16); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2574. A communication from the Director of Office Relations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN2900-AE41); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2575. A communication from the Director of Office Relations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN2900-AH59); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2576. A communication from the Director of Office Relations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN2900-AE50); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2577. A communication from the Director of Office Relations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN2900-AH74); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2578. A communication from the Director of Office Relations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN2900-AI02); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2579. A communication from the Director of Office Relations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN2900-AI08); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2580. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulation, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Training Personnel for the Education of Individuals with Disabilities Program and Program for Children and Youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2581. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulation, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program (RIN1820-AB13); to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2582. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to medical devices; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2583. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to medical devices; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2584. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Cold, Cough, Allergy, Bronchodilator, and Antiasthmatic